

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No.: ONS00317
Mailing Date: March 18, 2004

To: Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of prior application No. 10/072,145 filed on February 7, 2002, having U.S. Examiner Thomas J. Magee in Group Art Unit 2811, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF PROVIDING REGIONS OF LOW SUBSTRATE CAPACITANCE by first named inventor Guy E. Averett.

(NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000 and provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)).

The inventor(s) of the prior application are Guy E. Averett, Keith G. Kamekona, Chandrasekhara Sudhama, Weizhong Cai, Gordon L. Bratten and Bladimiro Ruiz, Jr.

Submissions required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, previously submitted:

- ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on January 15, 2003.
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
☐ Other _____.

Submissions required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, enclosed:

- ☐ Amendment/Reply.
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), with PTO-1449, and _____ citation copies.
☐ Other _____.

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of extension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is \$130.00 and is required).
☐ Return Receipt Postcard.
☐ Other _____.

Fees:

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a 3 month extension of time for response to the outstanding Official Action mailed October 15, 2003.

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The period for response was previously set to elapse January 15, 2003, and is accordingly hereby extended to April 15, 2003, which is still within the six-month statutory period for response (35 U.S.C. § 133) which elapses April 15, 2003. The reason for this petition is that a RCE transmittal is being filed, and it is desired to maintain the present application in pending condition pursuant to 35 USC § 120 through at least the filing of the RCE application. The required Extension Fee established by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 41(a) (8) is:

EXTENSION	FEE
<input type="checkbox"/> First Month	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Second Month	\$420.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third Month	\$950.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fourth Month	\$1,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fifth Month	\$2,010.00

☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

FOR	FEE
RCE FEE	= \$ 770.00
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE	= \$950.00
SUSPENSION OF ACTION	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE	= \$ 1,720.00

☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 501086 in the amount of \$ 1,720.00 for the Total Filing Fee, and the Extension Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), if applicable.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required now or in the future during the entire pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any present or future time extension fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501086.

☐ This sheet is submitted in duplicate.

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